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STRENGTH OF MIGS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of MIG fighters with IAF as on date and the price of each of the fighters;

(b) the total number of fighter planes met with accidents or got destroyed and the total financial loss suffered therefrom during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001;

(c) the average rate of air accidents in India in comparison to other countries; and

(d) the steps taken on the recommendations of various Committees to prevent such accidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Various types and variants of MiG aircraft form part of the MiG fleet of Indian Air Force.

(b) During 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 (till 28th February 2001), 22 and 16 Fighter aircraft were lost, respectively. The approximate financial loss is about Rs. 423.29 crores (provisional).

(c) Rate of Accidents in Indian Air Force: (Rate per 10,000 flying hours).

Decade	Rate
70s	1.29
80s	1.17
90s	0.93
2000-2001(till 28th February 2001)	0.97

It is not possible to compare the accident rates with those of other countries due to differences in computation of statistics, such as, flying hours etc.

(d) A High Powered Committee on Fighter Aircraft Accidents (COFAA) was constituted to analyse the cause of accidents, which had submitted its report in September, 1997. While some recommendations of the Committee have, already, been implemented to prevent such accidents, certain other recommendations are under implementation.